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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lieutenant General Lincoln D. Faurer, USAF

Director, National Security Agency

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National COMSEC Assessment Program (NCAP) (U)

REFERENCE:

NSA Memorandum N0061, dtd 9 January 1985,

Same Subject

- 1. This Agency was aware of the NCAP initiative through participation in the NCSC and an informal briefing of selected COMSEC personnel by a representative from the NSA "S" Group. (C)
- 2. We agree that there is a need for an assessment of the threat to telecommunications which support national security-related and sensitive functions. We have been supporting this effort informally and formally through the Subcommittee on Telecommunications Security (STS) that was established subsequent to the promulgation of NSDD-145. We have gone on record in this forum that the Agency cannot provide all of the information requested in the survey form provided by the STS and we must respectfully respond to the referenced request in the same manner. (C)

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the STS and of his staff is the alternate.

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Harry E. Fitzwater
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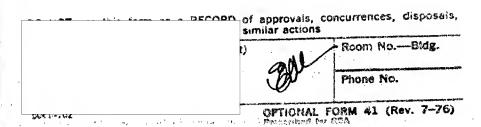
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TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM DATA SURVEY

1. DEPARTMENT, SUB-AGENCY, ORGANIZATION:

Indicate parent department, sub-agency, and organization:

Examples:

- 1. DoD, Navy, Seventh Fleet
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- 1. TRS, Secret Service, Washington Field Office
- 1. DOT, Coast Guard, Eighth District
- 2. DATE OF REPORT:

Indicate today's date (year, month, day):

Example: 2. 841225

3. POINT OF CONTACT AND PHONE:

Indicate name and phone number of responsible and knowledgeable individual who can be contacted concerning technical information in this report:

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